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SUBJECT: FRENCH REPROCESSING PLANT FOR PAKISTAN:
AMENDMENT TO REFTEL

REF: PARIS 18806

1. DURING SHORT VISIT AT MFA ON TUESDAY, JUNE 28,
WITH MFA NUCLEAR AFFAIRS DIRECTOR LOUET AND CEA
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GOLDSCHMIDT MADE BY
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY NOSENZO AND EMBASSY
SCICOUN, THE STATUS OF THE REPROCESSING PLANT WAS
BRIEFLY DISCUSSED. LOUET'S COMMENTS WERE CONSISTENT
WITH STATUS AS REPORTED REFTEL. HE MADE THE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS WHICH ARE ADDITIONAL TO THE CONTENTS OF THE
REFTEL.

2. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ASKED AND ACTION IS
PENDING ON FINANCIAL GUARANTEES FOR THE TWO CONTRACTS
FOR PRINCIPAL PIECES OF EQUIPMENT. LOUET ADMITTED
THAT IF A NON-FRENCH SOURCE OF FUNDS BECAME AVAILABLE
TO PAKISTAN IT WOULD BE ENTIRELY POSSIBLE FOR THE
FRENCH SUPPLIER TO PROCEED WITH A CASH SALE OR SOME
OTHER FINANCING THAT DID NOT REQUIRE GUARANTEES FROM
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THE GOF AND WITHOUT FURTHER GOF REVIEW SHIP THE
EQUIPMENT. THUS, THE GOF BELIEVES IT HAS CONTROL ON
THESE TWO CONTRACTS ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT GOF FINAN-
CIAL GUARANTEES ARE NEEDED. THE TRAINING PROGRAM TO BE
UNDERTAKEN BY THE FRENCH (INVOLVING CEA) IS FULLY UNDER
GOF CONTROL.

3. THIS SUBJECT WAS RAISED AS ONE OF THE MATTERS OF BILATERAL INTEREST THAT COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE FORTHCOMING BILATERAL NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS. LOUET'S INITIAL REACTION WAS "I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT." THE CONVERSATION MOVED QUICKLY TO CONFIRMING THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT. COMMENT: IN PREPARATION FOR THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WE SHOULD MAKE VERY CLEAR TO THE FRENCH OUR INTEREST IN INCLUDING THIS SUBJECT IN OUR DISCUSSIONS.

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